

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for making yarns of nylon bulked continuous filaments (BCF) comprising the steps of:
 - (a) melt-spinning a ~~polymeric material~~ nylon to form multiple filaments thereof followed sequentially by
 - (b) drawing and texturing the nylon filaments to form the yarns of nylon BCF, wherein
 - (c) said step of texturing the nylon filaments includes operating a fluid jet texturizer at a sufficiently low fluid jet velocity and a sufficiently high fluid jet temperature to obtain alpha-crystalline contents in the BCF of at least about 45% and a yarn skein shrinkage of less than about 0.50 inch.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material is nylon-6 and ~~wherein step (c) is practiced to obtain alpha-crystalline contents in the BCF of at least about 45%.~~
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein step (c) is practiced to obtain a yarn skein shrinkage of about 0.25 inch or less.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein step (c) is practiced to obtain alpha-crystalline contents in the BCF of between about 45% to about 55%.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) is practiced to obtain a yarn skein shrinkage of about 0.25 inch or less.
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